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JUNIOR PROM DATE SET FOR FEBRUARY 14

CHEMISTRY CLUB ADDRESSED BY DR. OESPER

Mersch Introduces Speaker
Who Gives Talk On Lavoisier And His Accomplishments.

On Tuesday evening, January 20, the Lavoisier Chemistry Club gathered in the Biology building to listen to the talk given by Dr. Oesper of the University of Cincinnati. The meeting was called to order and the speaker was introduced by Edward B. Mersch, president of the club. After Dr. Oesper had finished his talk, the meeting was resumed and the constitution as submitted by the committee was accepted. The club is making arrangements for a trip through the Procter & Gamble soap plant. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Oesper spoke on the life of Lavoisier. The text of his talk is as follows:
Was the name "Lavoisier" chosen because of a pleasing sound, or because it sounded chemical, or because of some special significance? The sum of the ordinary student's knowledge of Lavoisier can be summed up in three statements: (1) He was a Frenchman; (2) He had something to do with chemistry; (3) He was guillotined.

Science and achievement do not generally descend from father to son, and this is rather the case in the life of Lavoisier. We can trace his lineage from a stable man, whose descendant became a postmaster, whose in turn became a sheriff, and the son of this sheriff became a lawyer, and this lawyer was the father of the Lavoisier that we know. So we can see from this gradual betterment of ancestry, that the boy had good "stuff" in him. Lavoisier was born on the 26th of August, 1743; two years later his sister, but with the birth of his sister, came also the death of his mother. But the youth did not miss the care of his mother for his aunt took her place. When Lavoisier was fifteen his sister died, and from then on he received all the attention. He was given a good education and soon followed in the footsteps of his father, and became a lawyer. But he was not satisfied merely with the study of law, so he attended lectures on chemistry in the meantime.

Kindred Enthusiasm
Two men always gave these lectures; the one doing the actual lecturing, and the other the experimental work. These lectures so enthused Lavoisier that he began to study botany, geology, mineralogy and all the other studies relating to them. At this time he began to read the barometer three times a day each day and to record the readings. These readings have been a great contribution to the science of meteorology.

Lavoisier was more than a mere chemist and lawyer. He had great business ability. He secured great agricultural improvements, began the metric system, reorganized a system of national treasury.

Reign of Terror
About this time the French Revolution was in progress. Money was needed, the collection of taxes was in the hands of a stock company and this company became very unpopular. Now Lavoisier owned part of this company and made much money from it. But the people began to find ways and means to escape the tax, so Lavoisier proposed that a barrier be built, but the architect that built it made it so high and magnificent that the funds became low. It angered the people so they referred to Lavoisier as "the man who put Paris in prison, shutting off all circulation of air."

The stock company was dissolved and its leaders cast into prison where he remained five months before his trial. Finally on May 8, 1794 he was called to trial. His trial was begun at ten o'clock in the morning and by five that evening he was already guillotined. One of his friends remarked "It required only a minute to cut off that head, but perhaps it will take more than a hundred years to grow another like it."

Doctor Oesper then showed the audience a group of pictures that he had gathered concerning Lavoisier.

ORATORICAL SEMI-FINALS SET FOR FEBRUARY 2

The semi-finals of the oratorical contest of Xavier University will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon, February 2. Quite a few of the undergraduates who were entered at the start have since then dropped out.

Those who are to take part in the semi-finals are: J. Anton, F. Beierle, F. Brearton, E. Buller, J. Dewan, E. Doering, O. Donovan, L. Feldhaus, R. Maggini, A. Muckelheide, W. Muehlenkamp, L. Quill, R. Ryan, E. Sunderman and J. Winetel.

Xavier Basketeers Are Downed By Detroit But Score Win Over Dayton

Musketees Do Not Play Up To Form Against Titans But Stage Comeback In Dayton Game.

The Musketees went into another of their listless moods last week against the Titans of the University of Detroit and as a result, blew a decision to an inferior basketball team by the score of 26-20. The game was played at Detroit. No one on the Xavier squad showed an aptitude to hit the hoop with any regularity and many scoring opportunities were wasted due to offensive inability.

Xavier Leads
At the start of the game the Musketees hopped into the lead at 5-0 and were working smoothly both on offense and defense. They had possession of the ball for about the first six minutes of the fray. The Titans

SCHOOLS ARE REPRESENTED AT MEETINGS

Sodality Departments Meet At Various Colleges.

Sodality committee members met on Sunday at the schools of the chairman of the various departments to discuss definite plans for carrying on the work of the Sodality Union.
At the College of the Sacred Heart on Sunday morning Rev. Edward J. Morgan, S. J., Moderator of the Sodality, met with the members of the Education Department. In order to extend their work the members of this department decided to form Study Clubs composed of five or six members from each school so that wide-spread interest might be engendered in the fields of philosophy, religion, history, and literature. Lenore Dreyer of the College of the Sacred Heart is chairman of the Education Department.

Press Activities
Press Department activities under the guidance of Chairman George Winter will keep this department busy. These college representatives met at Xavier University on Sunday afternoon. In keeping with their plans, news articles will be syndicated to Catholic and secular papers. These articles will include current topics, book reviews, editorials, humor interest stories, and other significant scholastic news.

It must have been a busy day for Father Morgan. On Sunday afternoon he traveled to the College of Mt. St. Joseph to confer with the Extension Department of which Miss Edith Wang of that college is chairman. Here it was decided to have selected members of the Sodality of Our Lady at large to present talks concerning the aims, ideals and organization of the Sodality. High schools, academies, and parishes will be invited. This department shall also sponsor a literary contest in the schools. A handsome prize shall go to the winner of this contest.

Beatrice Carey of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, as chairman of the Publicity Department, welcomed her members on Sunday afternoon. Items of interest available for posting on bulletin boards will be sent among the schools and programs of interest for the individual schools will be drawn up by this department.

MRS. J. T. RYAN RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BOOKLOVERS

At a meeting held Sunday January 18 Mrs. J. T. Ryan was reelected chairman of the Xavier Booklovers Club. This meeting was marked by one of the largest attendances of the year. Several questions were put to vote chief among which was the plan to extend the membership list of this organization. A drive for that effect is being contemplated by the members of the club.

The date for their annual card party was set for Friday, April 10. The place will be decided at a later date, probably on February 1.
Since these people have taken such an active interest in Xaverian affairs it is no more than right that the students should show them a little cooperation by their attendance at this affair.

Students also profit greatly from the activities of the Booklovers Club because through their financial backing the school library is supplied with the best modern literature.

A roadhouse near Colorado University has arranged for students to ride in taxis free of charge to dances held there.

were not slow in scoring, once they received the opportunity. Most of their points came as the result of long tosses which they looped with regularity. The Musketees put up a game fight throughout the half striving to retain their early lead but it had wilted by the time the half ended and Detroit assumed the advantage which they never relinquished.

Second Half
In the second half the game became somewhat rough. Numerous fouls were called on both teams, with the Titans taking advantage of more free throws than the Musketees. The Detroiters held to their slim lead, although the Blue and White almost knotted the count on several occasions. Uncanny basket tossing of the home team from all angles put an end to any threats, which Xavier had to offer and the game ended with the final score at 26-20. Corbett and Wilhelm looked best for Xavier in this tilt.

XAVIER, 40; DAYTON, 21

A fighting mad Musketee five, aroused by recent beatings, rose to their highest pitch last Saturday night at Dayton and handed a sound trouncing to a bewildered Dayton University club. The score was 40-21, the worst lacing the Daytonians have received from Xavier in many seasons. Xavier was a rejuvenated team in this game and the players performed as no one has seen them perform during the current season. This victory eased to some extent the memories of the gridiron tussle of the past season.

Flyers Held Down
The Flyers were stalled from the start. They resembled a high school five in comparison to the team play and co-ordination of the Musketees. The Xavier offense was clicking almost perfectly with Tracy and Corbett supplying most of the fireworks. "Windy" Tracy started the bombardment in the opening minute of play by sinking one of his specialties from the side. Corbett followed with a neat goal from around the 17-foot line. With this lead, the Musketees took things easy and added points to it almost at will. Before the Flyers realized what it was all about the score was 8-0 and a few minutes later, 12-4. The Xavier guards held off every scoring attempt of Dayton in this half and their points came on wild heaves which found the hoop. The score at the half was 21-9.

Second Half
In the second half the Musketees continued to build up their huge lead. With the entire second team in action, Dayton was unable to penetrate the opposing defense with any degree of success and because of this they were not in the ball game at all. This half was exceedingly rough with many fouls being called. Sack supplied thrills for the fans by dropping a few goals and Wilhelm brought the spectators on their feet by a marvelous recovery of a bad pass and converting it into a field goal. The Dayton team was simply outclassed in every department of play and was unable to offer much opposition to the Musketees, who merely worked out in the second half. The final score was 40-21.

The chief scoring threats of Xavier were "Windy" Tracy and Dan Corbett. The former scored 11 markers while the latter added 8 points to the huge total. On defense Barney Wilhelm played the best game of the year and his work aroused the comment of everyone present at the game. Elbert and Bob Sack also played nifty games at their respective posts.

JUNIOR CLASS IS BUSY

Every indication of big business and business-like methods has called to the fore members of the Junior Class during the last week. Contracts, checks, conferences—these are the topics of conversation.

Committee appointments was the same to the door and storehouse of the daily banter of J. F. Morgan, John D. and Cholly Schwab, John Nolan, Junior Class President, last Thursday appointed members to the Junior Prom and Ring Committees.

Appointees to the Prom Committee are: Leo A. Smythe, chairman; Andrew J. Schmidt, Griffin Murphy and Jack Dreyer. These men, in conjunction with William Richmond, chairman of last year's Prom, are busy making preparations for this gala event of Saturday, February 14th.

Robert A. Maggini is chairman of the Ring Committee which is composed of William Scanlon, Bernard Wilhelm, John T. Anton, Jack Brennan and Elmer J. Buller.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, January 29
Junior Mass at 8:30 A. M.
Band Rehearsal in the Field House at 7:30 P. M.

Friday, January 30
Senior Mass at 8:30 A. M.
Senior Sodality Meeting at 11:30 A. M.
The Jesuit Guild Dance and Card Party at the New St. Nicholas Plaza.

Sunday, February 1
Xavier University Alumni Association offers the fourth of a series of public lectures in the Mary Lodge Reading Room at 8:15 P. M. Edward P. Moultrie, A.B., '27, LL.B. will give this fourth lecture. The topic of his lecture will be "What is the Constitution?"

Monday, February 2
Candlemas Day
Freshman Mass at 8:30 A. M.
Junior Sodality at 9:00 A. M.
Oratorical Semi-finals in Room 10.

Tuesday, February 3
Sophomore Mass at 8:30 A. M.
Clef Club Concert at Pleasant Ridge. Basket Ball. Wittenberg vs. Xavier University at the Field House at 8:15 P. M.

Wednesday, February 4
Chapel Assembly Mass for All Students at 8:30 A. M.
Conference by the Reverend R. J. Bellperch, S. J.
Dean's Announcements.

INTRAMURALS FEATURED BY CLOSE GAMES

Small League Produces Well-Played Games.

Although there are only ten teams in the Intramural League this year, the fieldhouse has been the scene of many well played and closely contested games. Harry Foley, the director of the league, has put forth his best efforts to make it a success. He has been ably assisted by Barney Phelan, Bobby Sack and Dan Corbett, who have officiated at all the games. Flashy play has been shown by Scully, King, Hesselbrock, Muehlenkamp, Sprengard, Moellinger, Steinkamp, and Meyer. The Yankees, Dodgers, Tigers and Braves are showing their heels to the rest of the pack at present, and if past scores are any indications, they will continue unhampered.

Dorm League Under Way
The Dorm League is functioning again in the same old tribal ferocity and the teams appear to be very evenly matched. The tribesmen have six teams with the Cherokee holding sway in the main wigwam and many well aimed elbows could easily be taken for tomahawks as far as successful results are concerned. The league has three capable referees in Kelley, Tracy and Hughes, while Kenny Jordan has been an efficient timekeeper.

Freshmen Busy
The Freshmen are now coming into their own and are determined not to be outdone by the other two leagues. They have shown considerable promise in their practice sessions so far and have some good prospects for varsity material.

Schedule
Thursday:
Oracles vs. Indians, 1:45
Yankees vs. Reds, 3:00
Dodgers vs. White Sox, 3:15.
Friday:
Giants vs. Panthers, 3:15.

JESUIT GUILD STAGES DANCE FRIDAY, JAN. 30

On Friday, January 30, the new St. Nicholas-Plaza will be the scene of a gala event. The Jesuit Guild will hold its annual frolic and dance and as this is one of the first events given by any outside organization at this new hotel, it will be an opportunity for many to see the beautiful ballroom, which is designed in ultra-modern fashion.

Tickets for the dance can be procured from Mr. Nolan, Friday noon at the latest for \$2.00 a couple, which is indeed reasonable considering that it will afford many the opportunity of seeing one of the most modern, and most beautiful hotels in America.

Come on, you Xaverians, let's get in back of this dance by our presence there Friday night. It could not be for a more worthy cause.

FATHER SWEENEY SPEAKS BEFORE INQUIRY CLASS

On Thursday evening, January 29, Father Paul Sweeney, S. J., head of the department of English at Xavier University, will address Father Lilly's Inquiry Class at the Fontbonne. The "Eucharist" will be the topic of Father Sweeney's lecture.

Clef Club Entertains Large Crowd At Dance In University Library

Hall of Study Transformed Into Scene of Beauty; Ranier's Orchestra Entertains.

By Patrick Desmond
Friday, January 23, witnessed the gala frolic of the Xavier University Clef Club in the Mary Lodge Reading Room.

Mr. Bob Ranier and his outstanding orchestra (rendered) sizzling syncopated selections.

Messrs. El Gruber and John Anton, committee in charge, had the library majestically polished and elaborately decorated in true ball-room style. Gigantic blue and white streamers swooped in grandeur from the glittering electric suns above. The orchestra sat enthroned amid carefully selected palm trees in the eastern terminus of the spacious hall. Directly above the orchestra, and extremely emphatic in its simplicity, hung a huge blue and white Clef—the emblem of the Glee Club.

Books Forgotten
During waltzes, students, to whom the library is generally a place for hard work, glided smoothly past the shelves of Shakespeare, Keats and Shelley—dead at least for this night. And the Gothic Architecture of the room formed an imposing collegiate background for the scene.

The Clef Club Dance was the most colorful event ever held on the College Campus and the "Prom" committee will have to go to extended lengths to outshine it. Besides being most colorful, the dance was most successful, socially. Approximately fifty-five couples attended and were shown a wonderful time. This affair was an excellent opportunity for many of the out-of-town boys to realize what really fine talent (feminine) Greater Cincinnati possesses. We are quite sure that very many of them were pleasantly surprised.

CATHOLICISM IS DISCUSSED BY DR. YOUNG

World Needs Religion Declares Xavier Professor.

On Sunday evening, January 24, Dr. Young, of the English Department, addressed an audience at the Fontbonne on "Catholicism in England." The lecture was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

In the course of his talk Dr. Young said that the common belief among non-Catholics that converts are attracted to the church by the beauty and dignity of the ritual is false. He declared that in his experience as an officer in the English army he found that there were many points which converts consider of greater significance than the ritual. Among these he said that the universality of the Church was foremost. The power of confession and the consolation offered by Catholic rites also had a deep appeal. He stated that among military men, discipline and authority is a foremost consideration and that the Catholic Church was the only one which offered this. The number of Catholic and convert generals was a matter of great surprise.

Catholicism Spreads
Dr. Young said that in all classes Catholicism is increasing. He cited as foremost examples Hickey, Robinson, Mac Donald, generals; Bonal, Knox, Mons. Cox, clergymen; Prof. Whitaker, Edinburgh U., among the educators; Sir Bernard Partridge and Sir Bernard Stokes, painters, and Sir Richard Terry, the musician. He said that there was also an astounding number of Catholics among the nobles. In conclusion, Dr. Young said that in this day of crime and corruption, a sound religion is needed more than ever before. He showed how Sunday school talks and courses in citizenship were of no avail and stated that the only remedy is adherence to the divinely founded Catholic Church which teaches with unerring authority.

The lecture met with widespread approval and the hope was expressed of hearing Dr. Young again in the near future.

SENIOR PICTURES

Edward F. Romer, editor-in-chief of the Musketeeer announced that senior pictures for the Musketeeer will be taken in the near future. He requests all seniors to arrange for photo sittings before Friday, January 30. Photography work for the 1931 annual will be done by the Albert J. Jones Studios, 429 Race street.

Dates for under-class pictures will be announced later.

READING ROOM TO BE SCENE OF DANCE

Plans Are Being Formulated.

Smyth, Dreyer, Murphy, Schmidt Form Committee.

The annual Junior Promenade will be held on the evening of February 14th in the Mary Lodge Reading Room. This will mark the first time in the history of the Prom that it has been presented on the Campus. The Chairman for this year's Prom, as announced by John J. Nolan, is Leo Smyth, football letterman and very active member of the Junior Class. Other members of the committee are Andrew Schmidt, Jack Dreyer, Griffin Murphy and John Nolan.

Garber To Play
The Junior Prom this year will assume all the glamor and color of Proms of the past. The Committee has secured Jack Garber's orchestra, internationally known music makers and Columbia Recording Artists, as the outstanding attraction of the evening. Elaborate decorations are being provided for as well as novel favors.

As is the custom, the Senior Class will be the guests of honor at the Prom. Harry Foley, President of the Senior Class, will lead the traditional grand march at the stroke of twelve. The Prom Queen has not yet been announced. After the Prom, the customary Senior breakfast will be held at the Hotel Alma Grill, if tentative plans of Robert Eggers and William Richmond, Senior representatives on the Committee, go through.

Guest Of Honor

The Junior Class has invited as guest of honor at the Prom, Mr. Lawrence Kyles, Chairman of the first Prom from which was held eleven years ago. Mr. Kyles is expected to be present at this year's edition of the Prom one of the finest traditions at Xavier.

The student price of Prom tickets has been lowered this year as well as the price on outside tickets. This has been done by the Committee in order to induce more college men to the only Xavier formal of the year. The ticket sale was inaugurated by the Committee last Monday and will continue until Feb. 10.

XAVIER FACES WITTENBERG IN NEXT GAME

Springfield Team Has Edge According To "Dope".

On Tuesday, February 3, the Xavier cagers will encounter the powerful Wittenberg team from Springfield. This is the first home game since the Centre game, the Musketees having played their last three tilts on foreign courts.

All indications show that the teams will be pretty evenly matched with the Lutherans having a slight edge over their opponents. Both teams hold decisive victories over the strong Centre quintet although Wittenberg defeated the Danville boys by a wider margin than Xavier did. And to make things more interesting, the boys from Springfield will do their best to get revenge for the defeat handed to them in football by the Musketees. However, the local boys, fresh from a clean cut victory over the Dayton Flyers, will work all the harder to make their season a greater success.

Captain Jimmy Stout and Bobby Sack are expected to show the fans some of their old time form while Dan Corbett and "Windy" Tracy will be counted upon to ring up a good many Xavier points.

"Bernie" Wilhelm, who performed in excellent fashion against Dayton, will be a thorn in the side of Wittenberg's offensive attack. With a large attendance to lend moral support to the team the Musketees should be returned the victors.

CLEF CLUB GIVES CONCERT AT PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH

On Tuesday, February 3, the Xavier University Clef Club will invade Pleasant Ridge to offer a concert to the Church of the Nativity there. This marks the initial presentation of the Glee Club for the new year. Many new members have been received into the organization since the opening concert sponsored by Father Lilly's inquiry class last November. These new members will have an excellent opportunity to show their wares next week and in the weeks that follow for the concert committee has been hard at work and has unearthed some very interesting engagements.

More Dances Promised
The members of the University who passed up this good time have something to grieve about, for the rest of their lives. The lack of cooperation on the part of these students was sorely felt by the Clef Club whose growing popularity as a campus organization was never more manifest than it is this year. Possibly they will realize their inexcusable error in time for the next Clef Club Carnival—for the Carusos and McCormicks have promised several more dances before June.

ALUMNI TALK IS GIVEN BY LOUIS COFFIN
"Our Neighbors Across the Equator" Is Topic.

"Our Neighbors Across the Equator" was the third of a series of public lectures offered by the Xavier University Alumni Association.

O. Louis Coffin A. B., '03, was the lecturer last Sunday night at the Mary Lodge Reading Room, and spoke before a favorable crowd of University friends.
Mr. Thompson, president of the alumni, introduced the speaker, and told of Mr. Coffin's great traveling experience, and expressed the assurance that Mr. Coffin was well qualified to speak on South America.

He is indeed that very thing, and so interesting was his talk that the end came all too soon. His talk was extremely educational from all points of view. Taking South America in three main groups he endeavored to make us understand them, and their individualities. Understanding them from his point of view was not at all difficult so vivid and intelligible did Mr. Coffin deliver his talk.

Informative Talk
Mr. Coffin's lecture was chock full of information of all kinds. Walter Winchell, well known columnist from New York, could have received many items for his "Things I didn't know till now" column.

Did you know that the population of Brazil was mostly Negroes, there being nearly twenty Negroes to one white? That the river Plata is over ninety miles long? These are a few of the many interesting things that Mr. Coffin spoke of in his lecture.

He gave a very interesting explanation of the Brazilian revolution. His talk on this subject was most enlightening.

Argentine seemed to be the more advanced of the countries, and here in this same country Mr. Coffin first heard of his a, b, c's.

South American Characteristics
After talking at length on Brazil, Argentine, and Chile he gave a short but complete summary of the remaining countries. Speaking of their governments, peculiar habits and the nature of the countries; whether or not they progressed forward, and the reason for either case.

Another interesting feature of the talk was the fact that most of the travel in South America is done by air, that is, the more important element travels by air. Conditions for railroads and paved roads are very unfavorable. Argentina is the only country with any kind of developed railroads or travel roads.

According to Mr. Coffin, South America is a promising country, most especially Argentine, Chile, Colombia, and Peru.

The attendance Sunday night was extremely small and was composed entirely of either Alumni or University friends. Mr. Thompson stated at the start that the series of lectures were open to everybody, students and friends alike. These lectures are given on the University grounds and are a function of Xavier University; students should show more interest and enthusiasm. We hope to see more student faces at the lecture next Sunday night.

FR. NOLAN GIVES TALK AT MERCY ACADEMY

Rev. Thos. A. Nolan, S. J., Dean of Men at Xavier University, will speak at Mercy Academy, Westwood, Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 P. M. The subject of Fr. Nolan's talk will be "The Cause of the Civil War."



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Again Intramurals—

On two different occasions the NEWS, in its editorial columns, has deplored the fact that Xavier students show so little interest in sports, particularly intramural sports. One editorial reviewed intramural activities (or inactivities) during the past year and mentioned compulsory physical education as a means of forcing students to take part in athletics. The second editorial was more or less a plea to the students, a plea which pointed out, by means of sound argumentation, the advantages of physical activity. This appeal to the student body should not have been necessary, but the fact remains that it was not only necessary but that it went unheeded.

This lack of interest in extra-curricular activities, however, is evidenced not only in athletics but in every line of student endeavor. Students must be sought out and requested to do this and that, whereas they should be only too willing to volunteer their services. We've always been under the impression that such activities were part of a college education. If this be true it seems that the majority of Xavier students are missing a good deal of their training.

But to return to intramurals. In one of the abovementioned editorials, it was pointed out that in the intramural basketball tournament last year it was well nigh impossible to put two full teams on the floor at the same time. This same editorial also called attention to the unfinished tennis tournament. Well, the situation is in no way altered. Intramurals are still in the same old rut. The same difficulties still prevail. We're beginning to wonder whether Xavier students are too "busy" to take part in such activities, or whether we're educating a bunch of book-worms and sissies in such a virile school.

The Prom—

The gala social event of the scholastic year, the Junior Prom, will be held on the night of Feb. 14, and from an advance outlook it will be an event of lasting memory to those who attend. After dismissing a host of apparent difficulties, the Prom Committee, taking advantage of the unusual amount of co-operation given by the faculty and mindful of the fact that this event is of the highest altitude yet aspired to in the reorganized social life of the school, have begun preparations to make this occasion one that will outshine the splendid Proms of past years.

The place, the Mary Lodge Reading Room, is on the campus and thus we are assured that the homage to the gods of the social world will be offered amidst surroundings of real collegiate atmosphere.

Numerous and false are the existing ideas of the general purpose of the Prom. And the general aspect of the prevailing ideas of past years have been of a calibre that in actual application annually characterized this function in terminology similar to "a brawl", to the displeasure of the more thoughtful element present and towards the casting of a future shadow upon the school. A major part of these violent breaches of the rules of ball-room etiquette—which perhaps at any other less dignified affair would be considered amusing or passed without a thought, were commented upon by outsiders. Nevertheless the reflection falls upon the school. This "bringing home" of this red letter affair is a means whereby individuals not in harmony with the true purpose of the Prom will find difficulty in obtaining admission. The purpose of the Prom is this—that the Junior Class directly, and the other classes and alumni indirectly may bestow a social honor upon the graduating class of the coming June.

Whatever aversions or private disagreements regarding the minds or propagated openly by some skeptical individuals of the respective classes, must in fairness to the Junior Class as a unit and the school in general, be forgotten. The help and attendance of every member of the school is asked. The success of this event will solve for the future the ever present difficulty of an ideal campus location for such affairs and eventually lead to an enlargement of the number of faculty sanctioned social functions.

A Committee Reports—

Seldom does the discussion of a political question find space in these columns, but when eleven men of nationally recognized ability issue a report of "maybe" and "if", as was published during the past week, we take exception to a precedent. No wonder the nation was amazed by the report of inconsistencies, which represented the findings of the Wickersham Committee after a year and a half of study and draining the national treasury of \$500,000. On the same basis, we wonder if the treasury could afford a definite report on the situation which is gnawing at the reins of free government.

The report is a veritable example of the value of campaign promises. Held up to the public eye for 18 months that from this investigation would come the solution of the eleven year wrangle as to how a citizen of a free state may quench his thirst, the bubble of hope became a mist of inconsistencies. As a committee, the eleven men favored continuance of the present plan of guiding a man along the path of temperance by police enforcement, but to balance the wave of scorn that would have undoubtedly followed such a report, each individual issued a personal report of his findings, wherein the tenor of the committee's report was condemned. Here, for \$500,000, men could say "no" and "yes" to the same question and still be right.

The report, in spite of its ludicrous content, at least shows that "there is no key to the national riddle"; the situation cannot be remedied by a compromise. The various sects and sections of the country are so divided on the question of Prohibition that a definite program of action is impossible. At least such must be the opinion of the gentleman who did not sign the report. In accordance with his diagnosis, he would not sign the prescription of more poison for an already poisoned nation.

Brain Crumbs

By
John E. Snyder

Declaration Of War

Hear ye! Hear ye! So many persons have suggested or requested that we inject "something personal" in this column that we are at length yielding to the clamor and shall henceforth endeavor to frequently provide a personal element. It has heretofore been our policy, generally, to avoid the mentioning of names and personal incidents in the lives of others, inasmuch as that humor is of lower type which makes capital of what is, often enough embarrassing to those concerned. Though now yielding to the pressure that had been brought to bear, we do not approve of such material entering this column. We hereby proclaim, therefore, a solemn declaration of war. Our policy henceforth shall be that of the bold and fearless journalist in seeking out and publishing every scathing truth, at the same time voicing our own sentiments in the matter. Your worst enemy will find in us a simple means of disclosing the horrible secrets of your private life. No one will ever be safe. All will ruthlessly be exposed.

Graft?

We shall leave open, perhaps, one avenue of escape. Upon receipt of a slight consideration, we may at times find it possible to close our eyes to specified incidents. Our artillery will be directed mainly at dormitory students, in order that we shall not encroach upon the domains of Tiny the Snoop.

By thus vigorously enforcing a reversal of policy we feel that we shall either satisfy popular craving to the fullest extent, or shall cause the demand to be made that we return to our original plan of presentation.

Bird's eye view of activities in Elett Hall on Saturday night between the hours of eight and twelve:

We rather suspect that a number of young men in these parts are of the opinion that there is no fun in having a girl unless you bring her to the basketball games and march her up and down in front of your class mates.

This country was long celebrated for freedom of conscience, but now it is even more celebrated for freedom from conscience.

Dormitory Digs

Everybody in Elett Hall used to close his transom when Kress and Brockman put on their "Bye, Bye Blues" record, but since Schott bought a like it's a relief to hear even that infernal record.

An old, old legend comes down to us that way back in the dim, dark ages beyond recall the Welsh brothers once failed to rally to the defense of dear "Old Kaintucky."

Dame Rumor hath it that John Brockman, star freshman trig student, intends to wrestle the "terrible math" at West Point next year. We understand that John is already practicing writing his name as "Second Lieutenant Brockman," and, occasionally, as "General Brockman."

"Wotaman" Lenk has been an outstanding leader ever since that glorious day, many years ago, when he won the blue ribbon in a baby contest.

Next to a Tom Thumb golf course, nothing seems to look so forlorn at this time of the year as a football player. Observe, for instance, Barney Phelan, Dave Harmon, Frank McDewitt, or any of the others.

Believe it or knock, but at Xavier's last basketball game in the Field House we discovered a brilliant little freshman laboring over some trig problems while he was waiting for the game to start.

We were truly inspired at the sight and thought how wonderful it would be to see all the X students diligently at work on trig, Latin, biology, chemistry, or some other worthy subject. Ah, picture it!—if you have an elastic imagination.

Book Chat

With the general subject of *Life in Relation to Art*, but with "The Unreality of Great Literature" as his more particular topic, Thornton Wilder, noted American author, addressed a numerous audience at the Sinton last Thursday evening.

In appearance and manner the author of *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* is not quite what one would expect the author of such a book to be. He is alert, definite, quick in gesture, rapid in speech, with no suggestion about him of the poetic temperament which is so apparent in all his writings.

However, his lecture was quite in keeping with the mood of his written works, in nothing so much as in the use which the speaker made of allegories to illustrate the abstractions in his talk.

Unreality in Literature

Mr. Wilder opened his lecture by telling of a friend, who, upon finishing Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*, was asked what she thought of the drama, and answered: "Oh, I enjoyed it very much. It's beautiful. But, of course, it's not true; it's not real." After mentioning other and similar instances of people who objected to the decided unreality of most of the great literary masterpieces of the

world, the speaker summed up these objections under the four following headings:

1. The abundance of coincidence and accident in the plots of many novels and plays, accidents even, which, in many cases, introduce a series of events leading ultimately to tragedy, e. g., the non-arrival of a letter in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, leading indirectly to the heroine's death.

2. The special, planned atmosphere which a great novel or play has, best illustrated by the contrast between the world of high comedy pictured in *The Egoist*, and the tragic world in which Lord and Lady Macbeth live.

3. The eloquence—the unnatural, even extemporaneous eloquence—of most of the characters of great literature, whether it be the romantic eloquence of Romeo and Juliet or the wit and skillful repartee of men and women in comic literature.

4. The ability of tragic characters to write their own epitaphs, as it were, by means of "a sort of higher ventriloquism." An excellent instance of this is the speech of Othello, when gazing upon the murdered Desdemona he cries:

"..... I pray you, in your letters, When you shall these unlucky deeds relate, Speak of men as I am; nothing extenuate, Nor set down aught in malice. Then must you speak Of one that loved not wisely, but too well."

4. The trick which novelists have of making those characters, who in life would be utterly repellent, appear quite human and even attractive. Comic characters that illustrate this principle are Sarah Gamp in Dickens' *Martin Chuzzlewit*, and Miss Bates in Jane Austen's *Emma*. "Miss Bates," said Mr. Wilder, "is the sort of person

with whom we would have nothing to do if we met her in real life. But the genius of Jane Austen passes by this garrulous old maid, and by some magic charm makes her understandable and even amusing and pitiable.

Tragic writers, too, have this habit. An instance is Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*. "Emma Bovary had a present-day counterpart in Ruth Snyder." And yet when we finish reading the story of her moral deterioration we view her in an understanding and even sympathetic manner. That is because we read her story, not in the columns of a newspaper, as we did the story of Ruth Snyder, but in a novel by a master novelist.

Necessary Characteristics

Having outlined these characteristics of great literature, to which many object, Mr. Wilder next set to work to show that these qualities are not only excusable, but necessary, especially if characterization is to be definite and effective. To prove that the books possessing these qualities are greater than those which do not possess them, he pointed out two classes of literature in which this unreality, this unnatural eloquence of speech and action is, at least partially, avoided.

The first class is composed of the works of those twentieth century writers who give us "life as it is—illogical, disconnected, pointless, and people as they really are—tongue tied," who attempt, in other words, an exact reproduction of life. An instance is Tchekov, whose dramatic dialogue—much of it, that is—is made up of "remarks by characters wholly unconnected with preceding remarks: conversation, in other words, much as it is carried on in the home." But to discover that even Tchekov's plays—careless as they may seem—are more consciously planned than real life, and his characters more eloquent than real men and

women, one need only listen to a half-hour of conversation in a Russian home and then read half an act of *The Cherry Orchard*. The former would most probably be actually pointless, the latter only seemingly so. Literature written in Tchekov's manner then is artificially written with a definite view to a desired effect.

Biography

The other class of literature that seems more real than most is biography. But, Mr. Wilder pointed out, a character sketch in a biography, even though it be written by a master, is bound to be less successful than a characterization, historical or otherwise, by a master novelist. "For those regions that are the despair of the biographer are the triumph of the fictionist."

Can a biography for all its fidelity to life, for all its adherence to fact, tell us that transpired in the mind of its subject, when for instance, near the end of his life, he looked back over the years and mentally summed up not only his own existence but all existence as well?—as Napoleon must have done on the cliffs of his prison island, or as Lincoln undoubtedly did during the last months of his life "when he sat alone in the White House late at night beside the dying fire."

Queen Elizabeth or Frederick the Great or Dr. Johnson upon reading their respective biographies would, with certainty, smile and say: "It's nice. It's true for the most part. But it's not a picture of me." But General Kontonov reading of himself in Tolstoy's master novel, *War and Peace*, would, said Mr. Wilder, nod his head, open his eyes in amazement and murmur, "How did he know? How did he know?"

Books and Reading

The second half of Mr. Wilder's

talk was devoted to a discussion of books and reading in general. He spoke of those books "to which we have an exciting devotion, which we always have on a shelf near at hand, and which we wouldn't let the algebra even lean against." Among the books which he himself would include on such a shelf are *Pride and Prejudice*, *Anna Karenina*, *Wanderland*, *The Brothers Karamazov* and *Don Quixote*, which, he said, "when we read it at eighteen is a comedy, at thirty is a tragedy, and at forty, I am told, is strangely turned back to a comedy again."

On the reading of poetry Mr. Wilder said: "We should not read poems in a bunch. For a poem is the result of the highest possible concentration of which a man is capable."

To illustrate the fact that putting off reading the great literary masterpieces may possibly bring disaster to us, the speaker narrated an amusing allegory of a gentleman who was ardently devoted to the work of Shakespeare, and had read all of his plays save one, *The Tempest*. This he was saving as a gift to himself on his 80th birthday. But at the age of sixty he was carried away by a sudden attack of pneumonia. His last words, addressed to his wife, were: "Clarissa, who is Caliban?"

"Was there someone in the next world to answer his question? Or was he doomed to eternal ignorance?"

Moral: Don't put off the reading of the great masterpieces until your 80th birthday. It may be too late.

—L. F.

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The Xavier University High basketball team smashed the long-standing Purcell jinx last Saturday night to a 14-11 tune in one of the most thrilling contests ever witnessed at the fieldhouse. The audience was rendered before one of the biggest crowds ever drawn by a high school in this city, and its description calls for superlatives. To come from behind and win in the last few moments of play is a feat; but to come through under the tremendous psychological burden that Purcell has always exerted upon us is unsurpassable. Maury Gerwe, Tom Schmidt, Jim Hussey, Snitz Schneider, and Larry Trame Xavier U. Hi. is proud to salute you as possessors of the true Xavier spirit!

A "belittling" architect of Tom Thumb Inc. made an attempt to relieve the strain Purcell imposes on its lungs while trying to carry on an intelligent conversation and basketball at one and the same time. His shortening of the giant floor so that it might be encompassed in less than an hour's hike would have met with praise from Hackberry St. save that he left enough room for the Blue-jackets to work their plays. And what plays! The Savage-coached boys sure deserved the title of "passing machine" if ever it was deserved. Purcell seemed totally at a loss as to just what ought to be done when one of Mr. Savage's plays got under way. For individual honors Maury the incomparable is the people's choice. Besides some truly Herculean efforts on defense and a tie with Hussey for scoring honors, he achieved something that outstrips Ripley. Maury picked up three personal fouls before the first half was well under way; then assumed a pair of wings (with halo to match) and remained in the rest of the game!

"Moore," if you never caused prayers before, you drew them down then. Five hundred X rooters dry-eyed and tense watched you with the game in your hands teter on the edge of defeat and then right yourself to calmly lead your team to victory.

There's not much use going on, for any Xavier student who was not there to see it ought not even be told about it; so I'll try to be brief. Tom Schmidt polished off a pretty big portion of the evening's assignments by holding "Breezy" Sack to one field goal while contributing the winning goal himself. Jim Hussey showed pretty well despite the fact that Stein Corbett was guarding him. Stein offered an imitation of his elder and more famous brother Dan's play that was the outstanding performance for the Crimson and Gold.

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To Be Held In Moeller Hall
At 8:00 P. M.

After two weeks of arduous eliminations the final group of contestants for the annual Oratorical Contest has been chosen. As these men have been pitted against every other member of the senior class they are assuredly the outstanding exponents of public speaking in the school and promise the most finished contest ever held.

This year contrary to the custom of the past only seniors were admitted and every senior was required not only to write but also to give his speech in the preliminaries. From the entire class about sixty embryonic statesmen were chosen for the second trials. This attempt out the list to thirty names. These thirty spoke the third time, and the number by careful pruning, was reduced to twenty. The most severe task of all was to lower these twenty, all excellent speakers, to twelve, the maximum to be allowed in the finals. This last battle was held Wednesday, January 22. The judges, Fr. Suelzer, S. J., Mr. Downey, S. J., and Mr. Glenn by a system of grading each student finally picked the following names for the contest: Brunemma, Flynn, Helmich, Witte, Smith, Lindhorst, Reichle, Scherer, Brookman, Fern, Crawford and Kearney.

The finals will be held at Memorial Hall, on the evening of Feb. 5. The student body, their mothers, fathers, families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

In connection with the progressive policy in regard to speaking, a room has been furnished and arranged for use in teaching single classes and is far more convenient and serviceable than either Moeller or Memorial Halls. The Xavierian News Staff which formerly occupied this room has now established its office in Room 318.

CIV. VOC. LEAGUE
HEARS MISS MADDEN

The regular monthly meeting of the High School sponsors of the Parochial School Civics and Vocational League was held Tuesday, January 20th, at the Teachers College on Calhoun Street. Frank Messman, Richard Kearney, and Louis Snider represented Xavier U. High in this meeting, at which Miss Mabel Madden, Supervisor of Community Activities, Public Recreation Commission, spoke. Miss Madden proved to be very interesting, and a brief but rather complete talk showed the organization how urgent were the needs for recreation facilities in this city. "Playgrounds and gymnasiums are as necessary as sewage systems and airports" was the gist of her subject, and she proceeded to show just why this was true. Her arguments were convincing, and the boys and girls left the assembly with a higher sense of civic duty instilled in their hearts. After all, that is the purpose of the organization. Nothing of importance was presented in the meeting aside from Miss Madden's talk and the announcement that a Minstrel show is to be presented at the Hamilton County Memorial Hall on February 5th by the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association. The proceeds of this show will go to the upkeep of the League.

Yesterday a meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, in which the Honorable Mayor Russel Wilson and City Manager C. A. Dykstra spoke on Cincinnati and the place of young people in the city.

A phase of the League's operations was shown last Wednesday when Louis Snider and Elizabeth Dapper, the latter a student of Regina High School were taken by Miss Irene Sullivan to the Gibson Hotel to attend the Annual Community Chest Meeting as representatives of the High School Sponsors of the Civic and Vocational League of the Parochial Schools.

EXAMS END FRIDAY
WITH LATIN CONTEST

For the past week the semester examinations have been the supreme topic of interest about the school. Seniors and freshmen alike have been known to express their sentiments about the tests in very subdued and sober tones. Only two "exams" remain on the schedule, that of English composition tomorrow and of Latin on Friday. This final test is to serve as a Latin contest among the seniors of the Jesuit schools of the Missouri and Chicago Provinces of the Society of Jesus. The interscholastic Latin examination, as well as all the other semester examinations was prepared at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. The honor lists will be published soon in the Xavierian News.

PHYSICS STUDENTS TO
GIVE DEMONSTRATION

In connection with the next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association next Monday afternoon (February 9) the student physicists of St. Xavier University High senior classes will give a demonstration on the "Origin of Light." The men selected by Mr. Maracello, Instructor in Physics, are Messrs. Messman, Snyder, Lindhorst, Brunemma, Reichle and Rinsler. All the members of the association are urged to be present at this very interesting demonstration.

JUNIORS DEFEAT
EAST END MIDGETS

The Xavier University High Junior Five again displayed their winning form to defeat the East End Midgets of Newport, Ky., by the score of 22-15 last Friday afternoon in the high school gymnasium.

It was a close contest throughout, with both teams seemingly to be evenly matched. Not until the final quarter did the Xavier Five forge ahead by more than four points. From then on the Newport quintet weakened, and the home team put the game "on the ice" with a barrage of baskets.

Brehm, playing his usual fine game, sent the ball through the hoop seven different times, to score fourteen of X's 22 points. Godar ranked second on the scoring column with 4 points to his credit. Trame played a fine defensive game.

Until they encountered Xavier, the Midgets had lost but one game in six starts. This percentage rates them as a first class junior team.

This victory gave the Xavierians their fifth win of the season, and, to wipe out the memory of their one defeat they hope to be victorious in their remaining games.

Xavier Juniors—		F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Goetz, f.	.....	1	0	0
Clove, f., Capt.	.....	1	0	2
Brehm, f.	.....	7	0	14
Drohan, c.	.....	0	0	0
Godar, g.	.....	2	0	4
Trame, g.	.....	1	0	2
Totals	.....	11	0	22

East End Midgets—		F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Halbach, f.	.....	0	0	0
Giebel, f., Capt.	.....	2	1	5
Hateman, c.	.....	0	0	0
Hambrecht, c.	.....	0	0	0
Howe, g.	.....	4	0	8
Bogner, g.	.....	1	0	2
Totals	.....	7	1	15

Referee—Hussey (Xavier).

Sodality Calendar
For
February

- 13 Fri.—Our Lady's Committees.
3:30 P. M.
Mission Committees
4:00 P. M.
- 16 Mon.—Literature Committees.
3:30 P. M.
Apostolic Committees
4:00 P. M.
- 17 Tues.—Eucharistic Committees.
4:00 P. M.
- 18 Wed.—Publicity Committees.
4:00 P. M.
- 20 Fri.—Lecture Committees.
3:30 P. M.
Membership Committees.
4:00 P. M.
- 22 Sun.—General Meeting of All Sodality Members.
10:00 A. M.

NOON LEAGUE GAMES
DRAW LARGE CROWDSIntense Interest Manifested By
Students Warrants Repairs
In Both Gymnasias.

All students interested in their class teams have undoubtedly seen the clever and efficient basketball bulletin board erected by Mr. Wiatrak S. J. in the hall on the first floor. The board shows by a system of removable cards which teams are scheduled to play in both leagues and also which teams will play on the morrow.

The great crowd which gathers in the gym every noon amply portrays the interest in the contests. The stands are packed to capacity with shouting, cheering enthusiasts bent on abetting their favorite teams battling furiously on the floor. The interest displayed in the Junior League games warranted the securing of protective mats about the pillars and against the wall of the small gym as a protection to the contestants.

When the athletic supervisors perceived the extent of the interest in the league and the high standard of the playing, they willingly consented to have score boards constructed for both gyms. The one for the larger gym measures five feet long by three feet wide. In a semi-circle across the top in large letters is inscribed "BASKETBALL". Beneath this is a huge "X" extending completely across the board. Under one of the corners of the "X" is painted "Xavier" and on the opposite side "Opponents". Eight inch figures to be placed on the board will easily keep both the players and the spectators informed as to the score. The board for the small gym is an exact copy of the larger one, both of which will be placed at the disposal of the noon leagues this season.

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ANNUAL RETREAT
TO BEGIN MONDAY

The annual high school students retreat will take place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (February 2, 3 and 4) under the direction of Father H. F. Sclotemeyer, President of St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill.

Father Sclotemeyer, who until last year was connected for several years with St. Louis University is a very popular retreat director. High school and college students find his talks highly interesting and instructive. During the retreat an office in the high school building will be reserved for private conferences with the retreat master.

MR. BONNET GIVES
OVER ORCHESTRA

Mr. Downey, S. J., experienced in orchestra work will direct the newly-formed orchestra in place of Mr. Bonnet, S. J., whose schedule will not permit his attendance at practices. The music with the exception of the jazz selections has been secured. The personnel of the orchestra at present is as follows:

Director: Mr. Downey, S. J. Violins: Button, Buchert, Hubing, Michel. Clarinets: Blase, Ertle, Moores. Saxophones: Leaman. Trumpets: Wedding, Hurley, Reichle. Alto Horns: Reinke, Tillman. Piano: Harper. Tuba: Dillhunt. Percussion: Hills.



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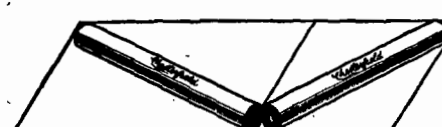
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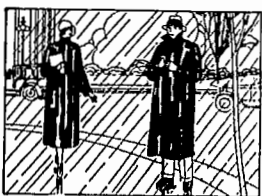
FRIENDSHIPS

From biology we learn that the condition and development of our minds and bodies are dependent upon two things, heredity and environment. Although we cannot change our hereditary characteristics, we can in a measure control or dominate them; by either suppressing or emphasizing them according to their merits. Hence it is evident that the development of our characters, as well as that of our minds and bodies, is more directly affected by our environment than anything else for few are the individuals who can rise above the level struck by the influences under which they live. Everyone is familiar with the tendency that we all have to adopt ourselves to our surroundings for upon it hinges our very continuance of existence. Without this ability to respond and change with the varying conditions of our environment, we would soon become extinct, for the qualities of adaptation and response are essential to every living thing and must always be present in order for it to continue to exist.

That anyone should be unaware of the great role played by their environmental influences seems unlikely, but yet it is evident that the majority of people entirely disregard them for while admitting that we are all of a necessity visibly affected by our surroundings, they will project themselves into an environment which has decided mental or moral toxic qualities. They will exercise the greatest care in regard to the food they eat but take no precautions whatsoever in respect to their mental and moral foods, which unfortunately are often polluted with immorality and general intellectual decadence. Such unthinking individuals will form and cultivate friendships (a misnomer if there ever was one) which poison their intellects and finally result in a mental paralysis from which there can be but little hope of recovery. Due to their willful ignorance, they are blinded to the mental and moral diseases carried by many of their so-called friends, for it is obvious that they rashly court contagion, while they unconcernedly disregard the jeopardy in which they place their intellectual and moral health. However, most of them, even if they were aware of the soiled and tainted character of their friends, would disregard all advice towards abandoning them, for they either consider themselves too strong to be swayed by their influence, or else they have become so strangely wedded to their own folly, that like the "dope" addict they would not throw aside their bonds even if they could. The fall from intellectual or moral grace quickly takes place but the damage done requires a lifetime of reparation in order to achieve the original mental and moral status.

Friendship is a two-edged sword which not only can but does cut both ways, for it can either make or break our characters. Good friends with clean, well-balanced minds can accelerate our progress through life towards both our earthly and eternal goals, while evil ones can so retard us that our lives will be one continuous failure, climaxed by that greatest of all disasters, eternal damnation. However the fear of eternal punishment is a poor instrument of persuasion, for such individuals consider it to be a remote even if real possibility, and are left unaffected by it. Their plight is indeed sad, but while pitying them we would all do well to profit by their mistakes and avoid associations and contacts that will cause us permanent injury for although the wound may heal, the scar remains forever.

Due to the depression, Prom tickets at the University of Akron have been reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.50.



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Jan Garber and his celebrated Victor Recording orchestra has been engaged as the feature attraction. At present Mr. Garber is engaged in Cincinnati to play for the Xavier dancers.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

Creighton University in the coming semester will offer a course in Catholic Leadership open to Juniors and Seniors.

The Varsity News of University of Detroit carried on its editorial page a plea to reduce the prices of social affairs. It read: "At a time like the present when there is not so much gold in the golden eggs, prices should come down."

Arthur Arlett, editor-in-chief of the Daily Californian, University of California undergraduate daily newspaper, has been dismissed for charging that University of Southern California football players are professionals.

A member of the sociology staff of Ohio State who is studying in China recently received an invitation to witness the execution of a number of communists.

The University of Indiana prohibits students from transporting their dates to social functions in automobiles unless one of the parents serves as the driver. The ruling appears to prevent the sitting out of dances—in the parked cars.

All sophomore paddlers at the University of Oregon are required to have licenses.

In place of classes in physical education, undergraduates at Barnard College, New York, who are in poor physical condition because of fatigue, are being required to take courses in "rest and relaxation." Full credit is given students in this course, who are being taught how to sleep.

The University of Denver recently held a picnic for the whole school. Fox Movietone recorded a pie-eating contest between the fraternities and sororities. The contest was by elimination.

Last year there were more college students in the United States than in all the rest of the world combined. There were 1,237,000 students enrolled in colleges and universities in this country.—Miami U.

There will be four debating teams from Europe engaging in verbal combat with the orators of American colleges and universities during the fall of 1931. For the first time in the history of international debating the National Student Federation of America will present a Turkish team. A team from Holland will also make its debut in American forensics.

The Federation will again sponsor and direct teams for two groups of English students. December 20th, 1930, concluded the series of international debates conducted under the auspices of the National Student Federation. Teams from England, Germany and Scotland engaged in a total of 110 debates with colleges located in every state in the Union.

When Robert Frost, poet-professor at Dartmouth college, was required by officials to give a final examination recently in a poetry course, he wrote on the classroom blackboard: "Do what you think will please me most." Some of the students wrote sonnets, others free verse, still others appreciations of Frost's poetry—but one walked out. Poet Frost afterward revealed that the latter student had done the correct thing.

The Southern Methodist University paper shows that undergraduates spend about 201 out of 365 days, or 55 per cent of the year in the classroom, and a minimum of perhaps 45 hours a week in actual study, where the average business man or woman labors 48 hours a week. Perhaps the perpetual college student has the right idea after all!—Pennsylvania.

New rules at Montana divide the four years into two periods. Students are required to have a "C" average at the end of the first two years in order to continue through the last two.—Exponent.

We extend greetings to Xavier University and extend to the students and faculty our best wishes. We shall always be ready to serve them and make prices that are very reasonable when photographs are wanted.
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Bits Of Knowledge

By Edward B. Mersch

What Is Hell?

Hell is one of the most used words in the English Language. But how many people really know what hell is? Up-to-date people do not wish to talk about hell. They dismiss the subject with a shrug of the shoulders or a tilt of the nose. Hell is looked at as a religious myth. Some people regard it as a superstition created by the church to instill an obligation into the minds of men.

But what about hell? If we deny it, does it do away with it? Most assuredly not. Christ said there exists a place of eternal punishment. But Christ was the most gentle person that ever lived. He was a person of love. His actions were actions of love. His words were love. His whole being was love. And yet He said there was a hell. Christ spent His whole life here on earth trying to save people from this terrible place of punishment. He realized its gravity. We do not. Christ suffered and died for us. He shed His precious blood. He was scourged, crowned with thorns, mocked, spit upon, knocked down, and finally crucified on Calvary to save us from the tortures of hell.

Seriousness Of Hell

But since Christ is love, how then can this awful doctrine of hell be reconciled with Him? We admit hell is terrible and that Christ is love. But God does not sentence man to hell because of this love man has for God, but rather because of an absence of love. God is always trying to make man realize the seriousness of hell. He is ever appealing to man to repent. He offers many ways of repentance to the sinner to the very last minute of life, but if man rejects the divine love in life the rejection is forever. But since there can possibly be only two places in the next world, and one of them is a place of eternal happiness, it is reasonable to deduce that the other is a place of punishment. God is good and pure; a sinner is bad and defiled; we can in no way reconcile these two together. Heaven is spotlessly clean and holy; a sinner is dirty and evil, therefore these two cannot be reconciled together. Heaven is the home of God, and since we see that both heaven and God are opposed to sin, therefore we see that sin must live in some other abode, and that place is hell.

But if God loves His children so very much, how can He possibly put them away from Him forever? A mother loves her child, but when that child dies and starts to decay, and foul odors and stench come from its body, the mother buries the child in the cold ground, no matter how great her love for the child might be. It is in this same manner that God buries the sinner in the depths of hell.

Hell Described

But now to get back to the title, "What is hell?" The Bible says that hell is a place of everlasting punishment. A place of fire and brimstone, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. A place where the wicked shall live in anguish. A place where there is a fire that burns but does not consume. A place where there will be everlasting suffering. That is the description which the Bible gives to the people; but besides knowing that it is a place of punishment we know nothing about the kind of punishment, other than the pain of loss.

But what do the people mean by hell. It is the by word of nearly everyone. It is an every day saying that can be put to verse.

Just what is meant by this word "Hell"? They say sometimes, "It's cold as Hell" Sometimes they say, "It's hot as Hell" When it rains hard, "It's Hell", they cry. It's also "Hell" when it's dry. They "hate like Hell" to see it snow. "It's a Hell of a wind" when it starts to blow. Now "How in Hell" can anyone tell, "What in Hell" they mean by this word "Hell"?

This married life is "Hell", they say. When he comes in late there's "Hell to pay". When he starts to yell, it's "Hell of a note". It's "Hell" when the kid you have to tote. It's "Hell" when the doctor sends his bills. For a "Hell of a lot" of trips and pills. When you get this you will know real well. Just what is meant by this word "Hell".

"Hell, yes!" "Hell, no!" and "Oh Hell", too! "The Hell you don't", "The Hell you do". And "What in Hell!" and "The Hell it is". "The Hell with you" and "The Hell with his". Now "Who in Hell!" and "Oh Hell where?" And "What the Hell do you think I care?" But "The Hell of it is", "It's sure as Hell". We don't know "What in the Hell" is Hell.

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On October 1, 1931, carefully selected first and third year students will be admitted. Applications may be sent at any time and will be considered in the order of receipt. Catalogues and application forms may be obtained from the Dean.

Nebraska Journal Opposes Compulsory Military Training

Following the publication of an open letter in support of R. O. T. C., the Daily Nebraskan has launched an editorial attack upon compulsory military training in the university. The opinion of the Editorial Board corresponds with the vote taken at the National Student Federation Congress, advocating military training on a voluntary basis. In defending this stand the editors say: "Compulsory drill falls in the accomplishment of its boasted ideals and paves the way for future wars. We maintain that forced drill does not justify itself on the grounds of physical development, training in leadership, instruction in discipline, or as a means of preventing tragic clashes between nations. * * * We have seen too many young men, destined to become acknowledged leaders later in college life, obey the commands of cadets who have far less leading ability but more knowledge of military training. * * * Military leadership, incidentally, should not be identified too closely with the leadership which makes man forceful and influential in business, social and political circles.

"Officers could be developed better if the course were made elective, when they would deal with men interested in war tactics and not with a flock of schoolboys who have been unable to secure reprieve from the University army. * * * While giving him, without asking his consent, a mere smattering knowledge concerning military tactics and activities, the compulsory drill system impresses upon the underclassman the inevitability of conflict. That spirit breeds war."

American undergraduates are being given an opportunity to spend two months of the coming summer vacation at the Maurano-Saulnier School of Aviation just outside of Paris, where they will receive flying instructions from experienced pilots. According to present plans the group of Americans will number fifty and will be composed of men from various universities throughout the country.—Pennsylvania.

As a result of the greatly increased registration at Oregon State Agricultural College, demands upon the Student Loan Fund are the heaviest in the history of the college. According to the statement of the Registrar, the situation seems to have a direct connection with the present business depression. Many men unable to secure employment have chosen this opportunity to complete their education, and find it necessary to obtain financial aid.

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Here and There With Tiny the Snoop

Business may be bad and all that, but as yet the depression does not seem to have affected Griff Murphy, for he still continues on his merry way, puffing on a two by six "El Ropo". The suggestion has been made that he don a derby, purchase an eight carat Mexican diamond and a heavy gold watch chain to complete the ensemble, and then go to Chicago and run for mayor. That would be nice but we hope he sticks around until Willie Scanlon gets enough coupons for a new air rifle.

What is this thing called love? Apparently that's the same question Maynard Reuter is trying to figure out, for he calls daily at Oak Street for Elbie Gruber's little blue eyed cousin, and runs around in circles, the rest of the time reassuring himself that it's really true and not just a dream. Judging by his speech, he must be in a bad way, for he starts and finishes every conversation with the soulful prelude—"Mary Helen says"—

We've heard of individuals who were said to be "true to the army" or "true to the navy" but Maggini started us all last week by producing the latest product of this modern era, a "true to the aviation" number. What's the matter with Xavier Bob?

That the seniors are brilliant and accomplished we've never doubted but we really were surprised to hear Bill Breitfelder upon taking leave of an acquaintance say "So long I'm going up to the library and do some miracles"—No wonder he's so popular at these dances.

Last week Bob Egbers cut another notch in his belt and added yet another photograph to his already large

gallery. Yep, this time it's a little Detroit blonde who fell before Bob's sunny smile. How he does it, no one knows but he must have some power over them for like our old High School friend Caesar, he comes, he sees, he conquers.

Who said chivalry was dead? Last week Thompson Willet expressed the desire to duel one Ed Romer while in the midst of a somewhat heated argument. Just think, the cold grey dawn, the thrust and parry of flashing rapiers, and finally the growing spot of "crimson" upon one of Pogue's best four dollar shirts. Yes sir that's the way things are done down in Bardstown and Mr. Romer had just better watch his step or he'll meet with a sticky end.

Since we don't have a "be kind to animals" week, and there aren't any ponies in the neighborhood, we have our suspicions of such an individual as Marcus Cop for we think that his pocket full of a well known cafeteria's cube sugar will bear quite a bit of explaining. He doesn't throw it, so perhaps he is just saving it as a souvenir of his night life.

Neiderlehner's new position at the morgue coupled with his natural ability as a raconteur (Yeah, take two, they're small) should result in a brand new set of campus thrillers for they just drag them in and drag them out. Neide says the hours are fine only the conversation lags around two A. M.

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